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Honorable Robert Hertzberg
Chair, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
California State Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SCA 8 – As Introduced on June 11, 2015 - **OPPOSE**

Dear Chairman Hertzberg:

The County of San Bernardino respectfully opposes SCA 8, legislation that would erode the ability of San Bernardino County voters to determine their form of government, by placing a measure on the 2016 ballot to increase the number of board members in counties with a population of more than 2 million residents.

No concerns have been expressed locally regarding the need for additional representation at the County level; if a need to increase the number of supervisors was desirable, the California Constitution already provides the mechanism that allows the Board to place a charter amendment on the ballot where our constituents, not disinterested voters in other parts of the state, would have the opportunity to determine the outcome.

While we appreciate your goal to increase diversity among members of county boards of supervisors to better reflect the changes in the state's demographics, we feel the composition of our Board achieves that goal, and no legislation is needed. We agree that our residents deserve a responsive government and that is why my colleagues and I have been, and continue to be, committed to serving our constituents in an effective and efficient manner.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino respectfully requests a "No" vote on SCA 8. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov.

Sincerely,

JAMES RAMOS
Board of Supervisors Chairman
Third District Supervisor
County of San Bernardino

c: The Honorable Tony Mendoza
Members and Consultants, Senate Governance and Finance
County of San Bernardino Legislative Delegation

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